

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND  
FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO.: 2012-001083-CFA

GEORGE ZIMMERMAN,

Defendant.

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CLERK CIRCUIT COURT  
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**MOTION TO EXTEND JUROR ANONYMITY TIMELINE**

COMES NOW, the Defendant, GEORGE ZIMMERMAN, by and through his undersigned counsel and files this his Motion to extend juror anonymity and as grounds therefore states as follows:

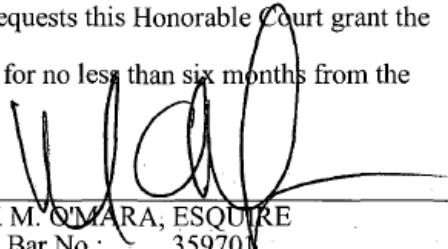
1. That this Court considered arguments of counsel and decided that the jurors' names would be kept anonymous until after the jury verdict. However, counsel is unaware as to any timeline after the jury verdict for the anonymity to continue.
2. That the defendant would request that this Court keep the jurors' information anonymous until no less than six months after the rendition of their verdict. This should be a sufficient amount of time for any community passions to cool, should an acquittal occur, or for the matter to begin its appellate process, should an acquittal not occur. This will allow sufficient time for the jurors to move on in their lives, and to plan for any residual concerns, should they exist.
3. The basis for this request follows the arguments made both in the initial Motion for Anonymous Jury and in the arguments heard thereon. That basis and those arguments are incorporated herein and made part of the presentation for this Motion.

In addition, several of the prospective jurors, when questioned in individual voir dire in this regard, stated that they were concerned about their anonymity and about the possibility of reprisals based upon a perceived unfavorable verdict.

4. That the defendant's right to a fair trial must be protected and guaranteed, and to the extent that jurors will feel less pressure in accomplishing a verdict, particularly one that is perceived to be unpopular, their impartiality in reaching that decision, whatever it may be, must be protected. This right of the jurors to be free from the pressures attendant to a verdict, coupled with Mr. Zimmerman's right to a fair trial and a just verdict by a jury of his peers, far outweighs the public or media's right to juror information.

5. That a six-month delay in releasing this information is not such a restriction on the media's right to publish that information that it should overpower Mr. Zimmerman's right to a fair trial, nor should it overpower a juror's right to their own privacy. The media certainly retains the right to comment on the verdict as arrived at by the jury as a whole, but should not have immediate right to invade the privacy of individual jurors who rose to the occasion of their civic duties by serving on a jury. Certainly, should a juror wish to waive this protection, he or she may dispense with their anonymity at will.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant respectfully requests this Honorable Court grant the Defendant's Motion to Extend the Juror Anonymity for no less than six months from the rendition of the verdict..



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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by Facsimile/E-Mail this 16 day of June, 2013 to Bernie de la Rionda, Assistant State Attorney and John Guy, Assistant State Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, 220 East Bay Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202-3429, and to Donald R. West, Esquire, 636 West Yale Street, Orlando,

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